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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : Passive Frequency Measurement Program

1. Considerable advantage can accrue to the ELINT collection program if appropriate materials undergo detectable changes when subjected to electromagnetic radiation at frequency and power levels consistent with clandestine operations. The attached memorandum of 3 March 1964 indicates that some success along these lines may be achieved.

2. This memorandum was circulated to ORD with the hope that ORD would institute a suitable program to refine this technique. The Staff comment of 9 July was "The use of selected regions of electromagnetic radiation to initiate polymerization of monomers is known to industry and continues to be studied academically. While ORD is interested in progress in this area, present priorities preclude placing emphasis on the use of monomers to measure RF energy at this time."

3. In view of the potential of this approach we propose to proceed with the program unless you oppose this action. Further contact with the [redacted] is planned together with preliminary discussions with appropriate consultants who may be of assistance [redacted] Physical Chemist and [redacted] may be particularly helpful.

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Attachment

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